

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Since all of the claims appear to be directed to both species, the election of species is withdrawn.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 line 12, "and contact with the ear" is changed to --and contact the ear--;

Claim 9 line ¹²~~8~~; "and contact with the ear" is changed to --and contact the ear--;

Claim 10 line 12, "and contact with the ear" is changed to --and contact the ear--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C. Kramer whose telephone number is 571-272-7118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James McClellan can be reached on (571)272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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